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RELATIONSHIP

1. DURING HIS RETURN LUNCHEON FOR ME MAY 21, GREEK ARCHBISHOP SERAPHIM REPEATEDLY ASSURED ME THAT U.S. EXPECTATIONS FOR GREEK COOPERATION WOULD BE MET BY CURRENT REGIME. READING FROM NOTES HE SAID HE PREPARED IN CONVERSATION WITH HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS IN GOG, PRESUMABLY PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS AND BRIGADIER GENERAL IOANNIDES, THE ARCHBISHOP SAID "THERE ARE NO REAL DIFFERENCES OVER HOMEPORING BETWEEN US". HE CAUTIONED THE U.S. SIDE SHOULD BE EXPLICIT IN ITS REQUESTS AND WORK THROUGH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY (TWO PRACTICES WE HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWED).

2. ON REPORTS OF PENDING GREEK ARMS PURCHASES FROM THE FRENCH, THE ARCHBISHOP OPINED SUCH A GREEK INITIATIVE MUST HAVE BEEN BASED ON A "MISUNDERSTANDING". REVERTING TO HIS NOTES THE ARCHBISHOP SAID HE WAS AWARE FRENCH WERE NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE SUPPLIERS, AND ASKED FOR OUR HELP. HE HELD OUT THE PROSPECT THAT
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THERE WOULD BE OTHER, FUTURE GREEK PURCHASES WITH THE SOURCE OF

SUPPLY UNDECIDED AND VOLUNTEERED THE COMMENT THAT THE U.S.
SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GREEK
ARMED FORCES.
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